

Quality measurement in MA plans: An analysis of HEDIS data

ISSUE: How much variation is there in Medicare Advantage (MA) plan Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) scores?

KEY POINTS: In its March 2004 report, MedPAC concluded that Medicare should introduce pay-for-performance incentives to provide high-quality care in various Medicare fee-for-service settings, and in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. This presentation will incorporate an analysis of plan-level HEDIS data for 2003 and 2004 in an effort to examine the level of variation in overall MA plan HEDIS scores.

ACTION: This presentation is a follow-up to previous Commission recommendations regarding pay-for-performance. It is also a follow-up to the expert panel convened by the Commission in September 2005, which discussed pay-for-performance in private plans. Commissioners can discuss the implications of this research for quality measurement in MA plans. The discussion will guide staff work on this topic for the 2006 report cycle.

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